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SUBJ: INQUIRY CONCERNING NEW TOWN AND OIL REFINERY

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1. THERE ARE SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES WHICH COULD HAVE PROMGW
REF INQUIRY FROM CLAUSS AND NOLAN. ONE SUCH IS INFO CONTAINED
REF B WHEREIN PRINCE FAHD REVEALED SHAT STUDIES UNDERWAY FOR
CONSTRUCTION LARGE, MODERN AIRPORT IN AL-HASA. CONSIDERATION
ALUSBEING GIVEN TO BUILDING SEAPORT AT 'UQAIR WHICH 50 MILES
NORTH EAST MOEEH-HASA OASIS.

2. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY GLEANED FROM APRIL PRESS REPORTS
ANNOUNCING THAT PETROMIN HAD ISSUED LETTER OF INTENT TO SHELL
AND MOBIL FOR CONSTRUCTIONKB NEW REFINERIZS, ONE IN JUBAIL
AND SECOND AT UNDECIDED LOCATION. PUBLIC SPECULATION BELIEVES
SECOND LOCATION WILL BE 'UQAIR. SUCH PLANS FOR 'UQAIR/AL-HASA
AREA COPIJ LEAD DEVELOPMENT MAJOR COMPLEX INCLUDING "NEWFTOWN".

3. FINALLY, THORE POSSIBILITY AMERICAN COMPANY'S LOCAL AGENT
ALSO COULD BE REFERRING TO NEW MILITARY CANTONMENT. LAST YEAR
SAG MINDEF ANNOUNCED INTENTION CONSTRUCT NEW MILITAY CAMP AT
QAISUMAH. SUPPOSEDLY, PROJECT WOULD BE SUPERVISED BY US CORPS
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OF ENGINEERS SIMILAR TO TABOUK AND KHAMIS MUSHEITT PROJECTS.

4. SUGGEST CLAUSS AND NOLAN QUERY LOCAL AGENT FOR MORE DETAILS
OR PROVIDE EMBASSY OR CONGEN, AS LOCATIONALLY APPROPRIATE, WITH
NAME, AND WE WILL QUERY. ONCE EXACT PROJECT IDENTIFIED,
APPROPRIATE SAUDI OFFICIAL WOULD BE APPROACHED FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HERE OR IN US.
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